

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

-Thomas Merton, "Thoughts in Solitude"
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Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian

Service of Worship
April 21, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Vocations Sunday

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

Frederick Buechner

Welcome

Prelude

Marcel Dupré

“How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou” (Op. 18, No. 5)

Lynn Balaze, guest organist

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Jean Reinhold

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

Leader: Let us pray:

People: Loving God, You call us your Beloved

And welcome us into your flock.

On this day of prayer for vocations,

Give joy to your servants and help us

to listen and respond to your call.

May the grace of the resurrection

Empower us to live a life of loving service.

We ask this through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 391**

“Take My Life”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Jeannine Gury

Leader: As your people, you call each one of us by name to serve you through our whole lives. You ask us to walk blamelessly with you, and we turn away. We come before you this day to confess our shortcomings once again, and we hope and trust in your grace and mercy. Let us pray the prayer of confession:

People: God, you call us to believe in Jesus Christ and to follow him; to use the gifts and abilities you have given us, honoring and serving you in our families, in our daily work, in our communities, and the world.

And yet we often ignore the call to obedience. We are prone to ignore our gifts and abilities. Forgive us we ask you. Empower us to hear and respond to your call. Remind us every moment to answer the call to live your good news in all that we do and say. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Will Burleigh

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s call on our lives is unceasing, relentless and full of mercy and love. Each time we turn away, God calls us back. In Christ, we know our sins are forgiven and we are called to live a new life each day. With that knowledge, let us celebrate our forgiveness and live into our call!

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

Children in Pathways may leave following the Gloria

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

1 Corinthians 12: Litany

Leader: There are diverse gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through people in different ways,

People: but it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

Leader: Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: and there is no gift without its corresponding service.

Leader: There is one ministry of Christ,

People: and in this ministry we all share.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of it.

Anthem

Stephen Schwartz

"All Good Gifts"

Carl Jenks and Beth Zych, soloists

“The Place God Calls You To”

There are all kinds of different voices calling you to do all different kinds of work, and the problem is to find out which is the voice of God, rather than that of society, say, or the super-ego, or self-interest. By and large a good rule for finding out is the following: the kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you most need to do, and (b) that the world most needs to have done.

If you really get a kick out of your work, you've presumably met requirement (a), but if your work is writing deodorant commercials, the chances are you've missed requirement (b). On the other hand, if your work is being a doctor in a leper colony, you've probably met requirement (b), but if most of the time you're bored and depressed by your work, the chances are that you've not only bypassed (a), but probably aren't helping your patients much either.

Neither the hair shirt nor the soft berth will do. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

Frederick Buechner, ***Wishful Thinking***

Witness to Vocation

Elder Ron Register

Elder Dave Neff

*** Hymn**

words by Jane Kowall; Silesian folk melody

Genesis 1, 6:9 – 9:17

“Earth Is Glad Another Day”

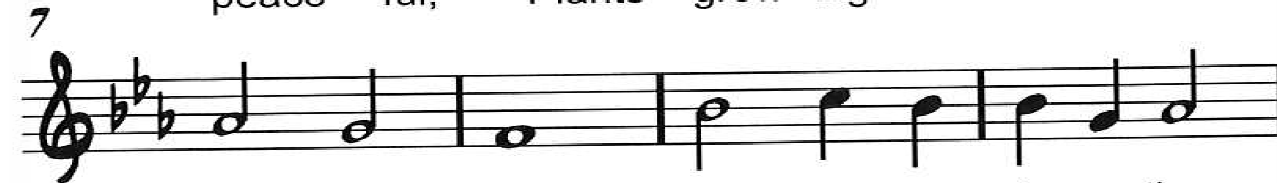
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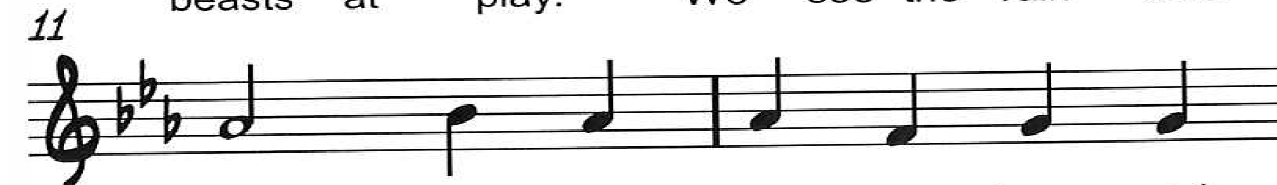
1..In the be - gin - ning, our God cre-
2..We who have loved the earth, sa - vored the
3..What if God came to us, as God did
4 Wa - ter both fresh and clean, air pure and



a - ted, Earth, with its hea - vens and
wa - ter, Cher - ished the land and the
No - ah? Would we do all God com-
peace - ful, Plants grow-ing tall and



land and sea, Green veg - e - ta - tion,
clear, bright sky, Smiled at the flow - er,
mand - ed us? God's voice has spo - ken.
beasts at play. We see the rain - bow.



strong, live - ly crea - tures, and
winked at the fer - ret, Thought
We hear the mes - sage, And
This is the co - ve - nant, And



man and wo-man, you and me.
these would be for - e - ver nigh.
wield the tools in faith and trust.
earth is glad an - oth - er day.

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Psalm 139: Litany

Seth Beal

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Leader: Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

**People: My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Leader: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**People: In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

People: I come to the end—I am still with you.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

**People: See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Reading

Elder Doris Allen

"Called"

There's a whisper inside of us:
Most of the time we can ignore it if we so choose,
and often we neglect it;
But its insistent, compelling voice reminds us
that our lives are not without meaning,
that we have a contribution to make,
that we are called.
This called-ness can be hard for us, Jesus,

We are all too aware of our denials of you,
of all the ways we've failed to live up to our promise;
We're not sure that there aren't others who are more than we are:
more faithful, more responsible,
more organized, more committed, more able.
But, it seems that you don't really hear our objections, our excuses;
all you ever seem to say is just, "Follow me."
So, if you see in us something worth calling;
If you are committed to empowering us,
infilling us, using us,
then all we can do is respond,
nervously, but wholeheartedly, "Yes."

by John van de Laar

Witness to Vocation

Elder Laurie Muller-Girard

Elder Eric Muller-Girard

Prayers of the People

Elder Jean Reinhold

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

John Bell

"Take This Moment"

* **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

* **Closing Hymn**

John Bell

"The Summons"

Please see p. 10

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

C. S. Lang

"Tuba Tune in D Major" (Op. 15)

Lynn Balaze

**please stand if able*

*A special thanks to all of our speakers who gave witness to their vocations in their professional and daily lives: **Ron Register** is the President of the Cleveland Heights/ University Heights Board of Education. He is also a coordinator of services at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. **Dave Neff's** passion is Earth Care. **Laurie Muller-Girard** is the National Director of KeyBank Business Capital, the asset-based lending group of KeyBank. **Eric Muller-Girard** is currently a "Stay-at-Home-Dad," artist, and a self-confessed "Serial Church Volunteer."*

"The Summons"



1..Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your
 2..Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your
 3..Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your
 4..Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your
 7 5..Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my



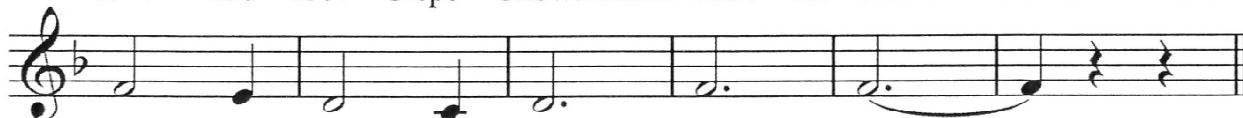
name?___ Will you go where you don't know and ne - ver be
 name?___ Will you care for cruel and kind and ne - ver be
 name?___ Will you set the pris - oners free and ne - ver be
 name?___ Will you quell the fear in - side and ne - ver be
 14 name.____ Let me turn and fol - low you and ne - ver be



the same?___ Will you let my love be shown,___ will you
 the same?___ Will you risk the hos - tile stare___should your
 the same?___ Will you kiss the le - per clean,___ and do
 the same?___ Will you use the faith you've found___ to re -
 the same.____ In your com - pan - y I'll go____where your



let my name be known,___ will you let my life be
 life at - tract or scare?___ Will you let me an - swer
 such as this un - seen,___ and ad - mit to what I
 shape the world a - round___through my sight and touch and
 27 love and foot - steps show.____ Thus I'll move and love and



grown in you and you in me?_____
 prayer in you and you in me?_____
 mean in you and you in me?_____
 sound in you and you in me?_____
 grow in you and you in me._____

Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

Many thanks to Lynn Balaze, today's guest organist. Anne Wilson is in Chicago, attending a performance of her choral/orchestral work ***Song of Hope***, sung this afternoon by the choir at St. James Cathedral.

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by the Ungemach family in honor of Seth's 21st birthday; and in memory of Sue Conant from the Voices in Bronze bell choir.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Ellison Chapman, Pat Chase, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Jim Gormley, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Charles Sawyer, Lee Thomas, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié, Anne Taylor.

In Memoriam We Remember

Fran Drake

Who died April 14, 2013

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

This Month's Ushers

Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 276

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Softball Season Begins April 21!

Spring training for Forest Hill softball is here! The first game is today against St Ann at 6 pm in Forest Hill Park.

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

Did you know we have been using the Blue Hymnal for 22 years!? A new one is being published this summer. From now until Sunday, May 19, you may make a donation of \$20 to purchase a hymnal. We have already received generous donations from the family of Hazel Grant and the Robert and Louise Fuller fund which we greatly appreciate.

Please fill out the pink form in the pew rack and put it WITH YOUR PAYMENT in the offering plate or the church office to help us annotate the book plate. Forms will also be available in the bulletin, pew and church office.

THIS WEEK
Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lessons this week are **Acts 11: 1-18; John 13: 31-35.**

NEXT SUNDAY
Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall
Race Matters: April 28 – May 12

April 28 Systematic Injustice – The New Jim Crow Law Enforcement, presented by Charles See of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries

May 5 Health and Place in Our County, presented by Martha Halko of Place Matters, Cuyahoga County Board of Health

May 12, Opportunity Disparity in Our Time and Our Place, presented by Greg Brown and Randy McShepherd from PolicyBridge of NE Ohio

Mobile Health Fair Meeting

There will be a Mobile Health Fair meeting in the Jin Room next Sunday, April 28 at 12:30. Guest speaker is Doris Evans, Program Coordinator for the Synod of the Covenant. She will give us information about the Mobile Health Fair to be held here on June 22, 2013.

Greater Cleveland Congregations Meeting

The Session of Forest Hill Church is considering joining Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC). GCC is an organization of 40 churches, synagogues and mosques that collaborate to build a grass roots, non-partisan, interfaith response to pressing social concerns in our region such as: Medicaid expansion, education funding, prison reform, sustainability and local foods. The focus of GCC is advocacy and policy at the local and state level. On Sunday, April 28, after worship (12:30), in Bodwell Hall, friends from St. Paul's Episcopal Church will share their GCC experience

with us. All are welcome. A light lunch will be served. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending this event.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care Group are:

Joan Bacon, Deacon leader	Robin & Mel Mervine & family
Molly Bergman	Kate Monaghan
John & Patricia Borthwick	Margery Nokes
Ed Briskey	Linn & Melody Obery
Jeff & Kathy Cameron	David & Susanne Peterjohn & family
Lia Clement	Bill Proudfit
Priscilla Colville	Susan & Randy Reese
Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim	Ron Schmidt
Robert & Lisa Higgs & family	Sandy Schultz
Betty Jo Jenkins	Dan & Joanne Shaner & family
Cathy Kernich	Vincent Taylor
Brian & Tish Klein & family	Bobbi van Dijk
John & Deanne Lentz & family	Kevin & Jill White & family
Tom & Diane McFiggen	Dene Young
Alice McKinley	

Labre Project

The Labre Project resumes again next Sunday evening, 4/28. Moving forward there are two ways you can support our ministry: 1) donate gently-used or new warm weather items (sweaters, sweats, pants, light jackets, new socks or underwear; 2) join us on one of our outings (to get on the schedule email Jack Breisch). Donations should be placed in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

May 5: The May Cabaret!

Save the date! It's our annual **May Cabaret**, starting with dinner at 6:15 and continuing with the intergenerational variety show at 7:00. Some of this year's highlights: a children's Beatles medley with the audience singing *yeah, yeah, yeah*; the Heights High Girls' Barbershoppers; a name-that-song contest; a piano duet played upside down, and the ever-popular Male Ballet.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

1 pm, Family Picnic at Squire's Castle (North Chagrin Res).

Next Sunday: Car Wash, 9:30 – 12:30

Buy Stock in Our Youth (last chance)

This summer our youth are traveling to Leon, Nicaragua to spend a week serving others while learning about social justice, advocacy and poverty. We are selling stock to raise money for the mission trip. For a minimum donation of \$20, investors purchase a share of one of the youth. As an investor, you commit to praying for your student, and you are welcome to attend planning meetings and fundraisers with your youth to get to know him or her better. Finally, investors are invited to an ice cream social shortly after we return to hear about the experience in Nicaragua.

If you are interested in purchasing stock, pick up an investment form from Kristen Otte. Today is the last day to make a stock purchase.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Grocery Certificate Sales Now Include Whole Foods

We have added \$100 certificates from Whole Foods to our selection! So we now offer:

Zagara's -- \$100 and \$25

Giant Eagle -- \$100 and \$25

Dave's -- \$100 and \$25

Whole Foods -- \$100

Heinen's -- \$100

Proceeds from sale of the certificates go to Abundance Cupboard and the FHC Youth Ministry.

***Please pick up your May TOWERS
in the Courtyard Foyer***

Gun Violence and Gospel Values
A dialogue with the Rev. James Atwood

May 4, 2013

8:30 am – 4 pm

Forest Hill Church Presbyterian
3031 Monticello Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH

Co-Sponsors:

The Church of the Covenant and the Presbytery of the Western Reserve

The workshop will feature the Rev. James Atwood, author of
America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé

Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA

Chair of the Greater Washington chapter of

Heeding God's Call, a faith-based ecumenical movement devoted to
encouraging gun shop owners to adopt a code of conduct
to discourage illegal purchases and trafficking

Rev. Atwood is a gun owner and hunter

Please register by April 27 by contacting the church office
216-321-2660 or **office@fhcpresb.org**

Free and open to anyone who is interested

\$10 offering requested for breakfast and lunch

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: April 21 - 28, 2013*

Sunday, April 21

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education; Confirmation
 Descant Choir
 10:00 Cherub Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Blood pressure check
 Organic Lawn Care meeting
 1:00 Youth: Family Picnic at Squire's Castle
 6:00 Softball vs. St Ann, FHP# 6
 7:00 Pacesetters: Poetry Night

Monday, April 22

8:30 am Pantry Breakfast
 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, April 23

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 7:30 pm Session meeting

Thursday, April 25

6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, April 26

9:30 am Al Anon meeting
 Faith Leader retreat begins

Sunday, April 28

8:15 Nominating Committee
 9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education; Confirmation
 Descant Choir
Car Wash begins
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Sine Nomine Choir
 12:30 GCC meeting
 Health Fair comm. mtg
 2:00 Piano Recitals: Students of Katie Hug
 5:30 Labre Ministry
 6:00 Softball vs Fairmount PC, FHP #5

Super Heroes Unite!
A celebration of Courage and Service
benefitting Family Promise of Greater Cleveland

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Super Heroes Unite! is an event to honor the families, friends and volunteers of Family Promise, with special recognition going to Bank of America and Penske. The event will feature special guest speaker Terry Pluto, award-winning faith and sports columnist for the Plain Dealer, and an inspiring fashion show starring the previously homeless families of Family Promise.

Super Heroes Unite! will take place on Thursday, May 2, 2013 in the historic Arcade at 401 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks (cash bar) while browsing the silent auction. The program begins at 7:30 pm.

For ticket information and online ticket purchases, go to
<http://familypromisecle.org/news/super-heroes-unite/>

For more information call Yvette Hanzel, (216) 751-3030.



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